

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : **To Be Assigned**
 Applicant(s) : **MEYER, Jürgen et al.**
 Filed : **Concurrent Herewith**
 TC/A.U. : **To Be Assigned**
 Examiner : **To Be Assigned**
 Title : **Surface-Modified Zinc Oxides**

Confirmation No. **TBA**

Docket No. : **032301.443**
 Customer No. : **25461**

Mail Stop PCT
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
 Attn: DO/EO/US

Sir:

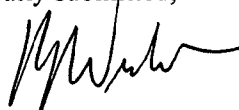
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08a) and copies of the foreign patent documents cited therein. The relevance of the cited documents is indicated in the patent specification and in the International Search Report mailed February 18, 2005, both of which are being submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, it is believed that no fees are due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



By: Robert G. Weilacher, Reg. No. 20,531

Dated: February 21, 2006
 SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP
 Suite 3100, Promenade II
 1230 Peachtree Street, N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3592
 Ph: (404) 815-3593
 Fax: (404) 685-6893

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known

Application Number	To Be Assigned
Filing Date	Concurrent Herewith
First Named Inventor	MEYER, Jürgen et al.
Art Unit	To Be Assigned
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	032301.443

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

[illegible]

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
/C.B./		EP 1 236 773 A	09-04-2002	DEGUSSA AG	abstract only	✓
/C.B./		EP 0 957 139 A	11-17-1999	KANEBO LTD DAITO KASEI KOGYO CO LTD		✓
/C.B./		EP 0 761 774 A	03-12-1997	mitsui mining & smelting co		✓
/C.B./		JP 2003-292790	10-15-2003	TODA KOGYO CORP	abstract only	✓

09/20/2008

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.